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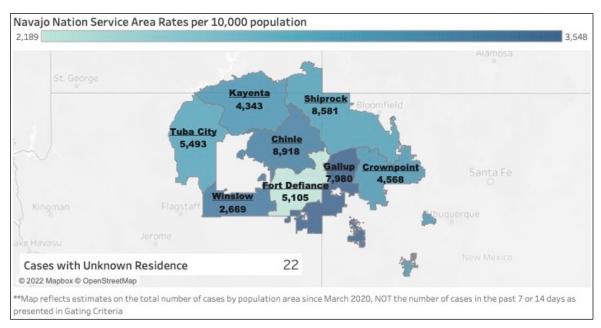
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330 new cases, 43,169 recoveries, and four deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Saturday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 330 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and four deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,607. The report indicates that 43,169 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 457,959 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 47,679, including 101 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

• Chinle Service Unit: 8,918

• Crownpoint Service Unit: 4,568

• Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,105

Gallup Service Unit: 7,980

Kayenta Service Unit: 4,343

Shiprock Service Unit: 8,581

Tuba City Service Unit: 5,493

- Winslow Service Unit: 2,669
- * 22 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 27,681 new cases. The states of Utah and New Mexico will report case numbers on Monday. On Friday, the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President held a mask and hand sanitizer distribution in the community of Shiprock, N.M. to help keep local residents safe and healthy during the pandemic.

"Stay local, stay safe. Our elders, our grandparents, always tell us that the safest place to be is at home and that remains true during this pandemic. Our elders also have the highest vaccination rate among any age group on the Navajo Nation. With over 87-percent of elders vaccinated for COVID-19, they are leading the way and setting a great example. Take precautions, wear two masks in public, get your booster shot, and limit travel as much as possible as this surge continues," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"Everyone has a part to play in reducing the spread of COVID-19. We continue to encourage everyone to be very cautious and to keep their guard up at all times, especially in public places. We are in this together and we will emerge from this pandemic stronger. Please be safe and keep praying for our people," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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